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SUBJECT: ANKARA RADIO REPORT ON AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S DEPARTURE

REF: ISTANBUL'S 3589

1. TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION (TRT) RADIO EVENING NEWSCAST
SEPT 13 CARRIED THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S
DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON AND HIS COMMENTS TO THE PRESS AT THE
ISTANBUL AIRPORT:

BEGIN QUOTE

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WILLIAM MACOMBER FLEW TO WASHINGTON,
D.C. AT 1630 HOURS TO ATTEND THE DEBATES IN CONNECTION WITH
TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. ANSWERING THE
QUESTIONS OF JOURNALISTS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE AT YESILKOY, STATED
THAT HE WILL GIVE INFORMATION TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO MEET ON SEPT 15. MACMBER, WHO STATED THAT
HE IS SURE THAT THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WILL BE RATIFIED BY
THE CONGRESS, SAID THE FOLLOWING: "AS A MATTER
OF FACT, THE ARMS EMBARGOIMPOSED ON TURKEY, HAS BEEN
RELAXED CONSIDERABLY IN PRACTICE. THE LOANS EXTENDED BY THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO TURKEY ARE THE EVIDENCE OF THIS
SITUATION. HOWEVER, TOTALLIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WILL ONLY BE
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POSSIBLE AFTER THE RATIFICATION OF THE DEFENSE COOPERATION

AGREEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PARLIAMENT OF TURKEY.

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IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION OF A JOURNALIST IN CONNECTION WITH

A NAMES LIST ON LOCKHEED BRIBERY CASE, MACOMBER SAID:

"THE MATTER IS BEING DISCUSSED BY THE MINISTERS OF JUSTICE OF
THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY. THE MATTER WILL EITHER BE
CONVEYED TO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OR WILL BE SENT SECRETLY.
I HAVE NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT."

END QUOTE

2. TRT MORNING RADIO NEWSCAST SEPT 15 CARRIED A REPORT ON THE
EXPECTED OPENING THAT DAY OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE'S HEARINGS ON THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT.
THE REPORT NOTED THAT UNDER SECTY HABIB, AMBASSADOR MACOMBER,
AND ASST SECTY OF DEFENSE ELLSWORTH ARE EXPECTED TO TESTIFY
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

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